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(*b*) the subsidy given by the Government of India for schemes in South Arcot district; and

(*c*) what works have been undertaken for execution under the Community Project Schemes in South Arcot district and how many coolies and staff were employed up to the end of March 1953?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) The Five-Year Plan has been made in the interests of the State as a whole and not with reference to any particular district or constituency. Figures of expenditure by districts are not now available and the time and labour involved in collecting the information will not be commensurate with the results to be achieved. As regards the Community Projects, the Community Projects Development Block was started in the South Arcot district only from 2nd October 1953 and no expenditure was therefore incurred to end of March 1953.

" (*b*) The assistance from the Centre is mainly in the shape of loans. Grants are given in respect of only some schemes approved by them, e.g., Grow More Food Schemes. Such assistance has been given, taking into consideration the needs of the State as a whole and details of assistance for each district are not now available.

" (*c*) The question does not arise, as the scheme was introduced in the South Arcot district only from 2nd October 1953."

Construction of the reservoir at Thimiri, Kasargod taluk.

* 740 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP (on behalf of Sri M. Narayanan Nambiar): Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state when the Government propose to start the construction of the reservoir at Thimiri in Kasargod taluk, South Kanara district?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" The proposal has been dropped on account of its poor food value and its prohibitive cost."

Filaria surveys in Malabar.

* 741 *Q.*—SRI T. ANANTHA PAI (on behalf of Sri N. Gopala Menon): Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state the steps taken by the Government to prevent the spread of filariasis in the coastal regions of Malabar?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The Regional Malaria Organization, Coimbatore, in whose jurisdiction Malabar is, conducts filaria surveys in the district, prepares schemes of control for the places where filariasis is endemic, and recommends them to the local bodies concerned for adoption. The

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Government give one-third grant for schemes which are so adopted, with their prior approval. So far, 13 places have been surveyed, 9 have been found endemic for filariasis and in 7, control schemes are worked with one-third grant from State funds."

SRI T. ANANTHA PAI :—" Sir, filariasis is spreading throughout the coastal regions of Malabar and South Kanara. Though the Government undertake to meet half the cost or whatever it is, very often most of the municipal councils are not able to take up this work for want of finances. Will Government take up the matter with the Government of India and the World Health Organization and see whether this serious problem cannot be tackled as expeditiously as possible? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, a National Filaria Control Programme has been formulated by the Government of India and this State has decided to participate in this programme."

DR. K. B. MENON :—" Sir, which are the filarial endemic areas in Malabar and what are the facilities for treatment that are specially accorded to the patients? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Payyanur, Baliapatnam, Badagara, Cannanore, Tellicherry, Kozhikode, Cochin, Chowghat, Kottayi, Ponnani, Venkatang, Palghat and Nilambur are the 13 places where filaria surveys have been made. Except Payyanur, Venkatang and Palghat and Nilambur, all the other 9 places are endemic for filariasis."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Sir, is it a fact that representations were made from other places also for conducting surveys, and whether such surveys were made in places like Irukkur and Kanjaleri? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" I have mentioned where surveys have been made."

SRI K. MADHAVAN NAMBIAR :—" Sir, have Government made any scientific research into the causes of this disease? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, scientific research into the causes of this disease and other diseases are being made in various places from time to time."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Sir, in view of the fact that this is a serious problem of the West Coast, will the Government be pleased to furnish this House with a report of the result of the research of the officer mentioned, his recommendations, the steps taken by the Government so far and the result of the Government programme? "

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THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" I suppose the hon. Gentleman will be satisfied if I tell him that the Control Unit started under the National Control Programme will be stationed in Malabar."

Appointment of a separate Legal Adviser for the consultation of Hon. the Speaker.

* 742 *Q.*—SRI M. PALANIYANDI (on behalf of Sri V. R. Krishna Ayyar) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether the Government have any proposal to appoint a separate Legal Adviser for the consultation of the Hon. Speaker other than the Law Officers of the Government?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" No, Sir."

Kuttiyadi Scheme for hydro-electric generation.

* 743 *Q.*—SRI M. PALANIYANDI (on behalf of Sri V. R. Krishna Ayyar) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have investigated the Kuttiyadi Scheme for hydro-electric generation (Perambra, Kurumbranad taluk), and if so, the results thereof;

(*b*) whether any representation has been made for taking up this scheme or including it in the Five-Year Plan; and

(*c*) the action taken thereon, if any?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (*a*) The Government Electricity Department have been collecting rainfall statistics since 1940–41 in respect of the Kuttiyadi basin. The investigation of the scheme will be taken up in its turn after more promising and economic schemes have been investigated fully.

" (*b*) Representations have been received from the public of Kolathuril, the Perambra Village Congress Committee and the hon. Member himself for taking up the scheme.

" (*c*) The position referred to in the answer to clause (*a*) was explained to the petitioners."

SRI K. M. SEETHI SAHIB :—" Sir, may I know the schemes of hydro-electric generation for Malabar now under the investigation of the Government? "

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" I have not got here a list with reference to the hydro-electric schemes in Malabar. But one thing I wish to inform this House and the hon. Member is that the Kundah scheme, when it comes into operation, will supersede all other smaller schemes and its power potential will be somewhere about 145,000 K.W., so that it will serve Malabar and more places in our State."